

## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE IHC PROTOCOL**

The intent of the Operations Committee is to allow for an exchange of ideas and offer recommendations for operational issues with the IHC as indicated in our charter.

- The Operations Committee will strive to have a representative participate in any Preparedness Reviews of the Area IHC's. Again, the intent is to act as a liaison to the committee for the exchange and recommendations of operational issues in the Rocky Mountain Area.
  - The Hotshot Representative to the Operations Committee will disseminate the planned dates of any reviews to the Operations Committee.
- When our Area IHC's are on an incident, the Operations Officer for the Committee will, as requested by the RMCG Duty Officer or IHC Superintendent;
  - Facilitate the RMA IHC's with issues that cannot be resolved by the Superintendent.
- Certification Review for the initial certification of new crews as well as re-certification of existing crews who have been de-certified.
  - (See National Interagency Hotshot Crew Operations Guide (IHCOCG) and Appendixes.  
[http://www.nifc.gov/policies/IHC/IHC\\_Standards.pdf](http://www.nifc.gov/policies/IHC/IHC_Standards.pdf)
  - For Clarification to the IHCOCG, the following has been approved as an addendum to the IHCOCG for the Rocky Mountain Area:

### **Rocky Mountain Area IHC Initial Certification Process**

This describes Regional modification/clarification of the peer review process for new IHC programs as addressed in the IHCOCG. New IHC programs in the Rocky Mountain Area will complete the following requirements as part of their initial certification process.

- Candidate crews will successfully complete a minimum of 3 peer reviews. Peer reviews must be conducted by current IHC Superintendents. Reviewers should be working on the same division or "side-by-side" with the candidate crew and must have sufficient opportunity to evaluate the candidates' operational abilities and other functional or safety items within IHCOCG Appendix E.
- Candidate crews will successfully complete an Embedded Review. Embedded reviews can occur concurrently with peer reviews and must be

conducted by a current or past IHC Superintendent, as approved by R2 IHC Committee Chair. Embedded reviewer will use Peer Review document (IHCOG Appendix E). Reviewer will participate on one or more assignments, as needed, with candidate crew in order to sufficiently evaluate all items in the peer review.